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## The Strange East

It is traditional among Buddhist men in Thailand to spend at least three months in the priesthood some time during their life.

Accordingly, one of that nation's busiest leaders has forsaken several top government positions to enter the priesthood as "an example of the importance of moral living."

Gen. Phao Sriyanond will temporarily retire from a number of offices.

In comparison, it would be the same as if J. Edgar Hoover entered the priesthood and with him Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey, Director Allen W. Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency and House Majority Leader John McCormack. It would certainly be an impressive example of moral living should such men go into retreat and exchange their positions of influence for a period of contemplation in the humble existence of the priesthood.